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SUBJECT: TALK WITH MINISTER HISHAM NAZER

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SUMMARY: MINISTER HISHAM NAZER MAKES CLEAR U.S. POSITION
ON CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE TO SAG; HE WARNS
AGAINST U.S. ARMS RE-SUPPLY TO ISRAEL. END OF SUMMARY.

1. DURING ONE HOUR TALK WITH ADCM BIRD IN
RIYADH OCTOBER 10, 1973, MINISTER HISHAM
NAZER DESCRIBED SCALI SPEECH AT UN AS AN "INSANE
STATEMENT." EVEN ALLOWING FOR HYPERBOLE USUAL WITH NAZER,
THIS PLUS THE LENGTH OF TIME HE SPENT ON DESCRIBING THE
REACTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO OUR UN
INITIATIVES SO FAR (AND PRINCE SAUD HAD JUST DEPARTED
FROM A LONG DISCUSSION WITH HIM) CAN LEAD US TO ONLY ONE
CONCLUSION: CEASE FIRE RESOLUTION AND OUR INITIATIVES HAVE
NO REPEAT NO CHANCE WITH SAUDIS AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED.
ON CONTRARY, PUSHING THEM WILL INFURIATE SAG AND KING.
NAZER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SAG HAVE FOLLOWED PERSISTENT LINE THAT
NO CEASE FIRE WAS DESIRED AT THIS TIME, THOUGH STRONG

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US ACTION TO STOP THE FIGHTING ON THE BASIS OF AGREEMENT

BY ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS SOUGHT.

2. HE CLAIMED KING WAS AND HAD BEEN CONVINCED FOR A
LONG TIME THAT FORCE WAS GOING TO BE

THE ONLY WAY TO GET
ISRAEL OUT. US MUST CHANGE ITS POLICY NOW IF IT WAS
TO SAVE ITS PLACE IN ARAB WORLD. WHY DID NOT THE
US RECOGNIZE THAT SAUDI ARABIA COULD DO NOTHING TO DEFEND
AMERICAN INTERESTS EVEN IF IT WANTED TO DO SO UNTIL A
MORE RATIONAL POLICY WAS FOLLOWED IN THE UN AND IN SIT-
UATIONS SUCH AS THE PRESENT CRISES. BE IN NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT, NAZER SAID SAG WOULD HAVE TO JOIN IN IF JORDAN WENT
TO WAR AND IN FACT ALL ARAB STATES WOULD LIKELY JOIN
WAR SHORTLY.
ONE COULD STAY OUT.

3. QUESTION OF PHANTOM RE-SUPPLY WAS ON MINDS OF
EVERYONE IN GOVERN-
MENT. .LATXGS ARE QUOTE COUNTING
THE NUMBER OF PHANTOMS ABOARD THE INDEPENDENCE
UNQUOTE BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT US INTENDED
TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL. NAZER WARNED THAT IF US DID
RE-PAINT THE PHANTOMS AND SEND THEM INTO BATTLE
US INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD WOULD BE
FINISHED.

4. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH NATIONAL GUARD FIGURES
AND OTHERS WE GLEAN THAT THE ROYAL DIWAN IS IN A HIGHLY
CONTENTIOUS MOOD PARTICULARLY WHERE US INTERESTS ARE IN-
VOLVED.
THEY CLAIM THAT SAG DOES NOT WANT ANY
CEASE FIRE AND DOES NOT CARE ABOUT LOSING BUT CONSIDERS
THE BATTLE HAS
BEEN JOINTED UNQUOTE AND THAT IT WILL GO
ALL THE UNTIL THE 1967 OCCUPIED
LAND IS LIBERATED. COMMENT: SUGGEST SCALI'S 200525
(US POSITION ON CEASE FIRE) PROVIDED DRD FOR HIS USE
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